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**HB-6944, AN ACT CONCERNING THE TIMELY REFUND OF INADVERTENT PROPERTY TAX
PAYMENTS**

The Connecticut Council of Small Towns (COST) has concerns regarding HB-6944, which requires towns to refund overpayments of property taxes within 30 days.

Some small towns have part-time tax collectors and the requirement to remit overpayments within 30 days is overly restrictive, particularly if it is unclear whether there is, in fact, an overpayment.

COST would be pleased to work with lawmakers to determine how to address any issues relating to overpayments in a way that will not impose a hardship on our smaller communities.

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